



## **Federal Grant Support Program**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### **Can I apply for the Federal Grant Support Program funds to supplement federal funds that I know my organization will be receiving?**

No. To be eligible for a Federal Grant Support grant, entities must be planning to apply for a competitive federal award. If your organization is set to receive federal funds by formula, earmark, or appropriation, you are not eligible for this program.

#### **I have already submitted an application for a competitive federal award. Can I apply to the Federal Grant Support Program now?**

No. The intent of this program is to leverage additional federal funds by providing support that will improve your application to the federal government. If your competitive federal application is already finalized, the Federal Grant Support Program will not improve your chances of receiving the award and you are not eligible. We may provide an exception to this requirement on a case-by-case basis if you can provide document evidence from the relevant federal agency that they will consider additional materials for your application even after the application deadline has passed, and a commitment of funds from the State would improve your chances of receiving the grant.

#### **How far ahead of the federal application deadline must I apply to the Federal Match Grant Program?**

The Department recommends applying to the Federal Grant Support Program at least three weeks prior to the time in which you need our feedback to submit your application to the competitive federal program. This will give the Department an opportunity to review and evaluate your application, receive approval, set aside the funds, and issue a letter of commitment. We may be able to manage the process on a shorter timeline but cannot provide any assurances.